

### ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A system and method for distributing multi-program audio over a network includes the use of a Local Area Network, Wide Area Network, an Intranet and the Internet. The system includes a network audio source, a network distribution system and end devices. The method, for distributing multi-program audio over a network includes creating a network audio frame from a plurality of blocks of data from at least one audio program, placing each network audio frame within a transport structure for transport across the network and assigning an address to the transport structure prior to delivering the transport structure to a physical media.